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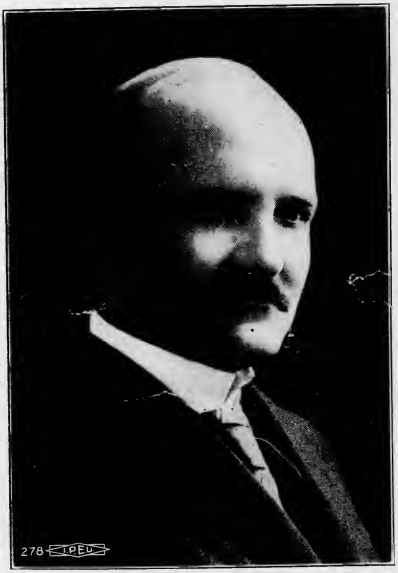

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Most Important

JUST think of it, with Germany, Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria and all of the Central Powers not exporting a dollar's worth of goods to the United States since the war began, owing to Great Britain's control of the sea, the importations into the United States for the fiscal years ending June 30th, 1914, 1915 and 1916 increased above those of 1911, 1912 and 1913 by over $772,000,000. Notwithstanding this tremendous increase in importations the customs duties fell off, for the same period, to the extent of over $230,000,000, and what wonder when the present rates of duties of the Underwood tariff bill are in force.

The monthly duty rates have been as follows —for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1916.

1915	Per Cent.
July	10.04
August	11.10
September	9.85
October	11.65
November	10.75
December	9.45
1916	
January	8.49
February	9.92
March	9.79
April	8.69
May	8.81
June	8.09
Or an average for the year of	9.72%
If the sugar duty had not been restored, the rate would now be about	7.32%

It is shown above that even with the Central Powers not exporting a dollar's worth of goods into the United States, we imported over $772,000,000 more, under the Underwood tariff law, in the last three years than any time previous in our history. Now, when the war is over and Germany, Austria, Turkey and the other Central Powers resume production, if this tariff law remains on our statute books, the increase in importations must amount to at least double the above, and with such terrific importations labor in all industries must be affected most detrimentally, and thousands of honest workmen will have to seek employment due to the influx of imported goods, at an average tariff rate of practically 8%, which is lower today than the tariff rates of either France, Germany, Russia, Italy or even free-trade England.

The proposition is perfectly simple and can be easily understood by the wage earner. The wages in America are two and three times those of the best parts of Europe. These wages can only be maintained if the difference between the labor cost here and abroad is compensated for by a tariff. A tariff rate of 8.09%, lower than any tariff rate in Europe today, cannot compensate for wages two and three times higher in this Country. Inevitably therefore, unless this tariff bill is changed, the influx of importations will increase, instead of over $772,000,000, to $1,500,000,000 or $2,000,000,000, more than ever known before in our history, displacing in similar industries here thousands upon thousands of workmen, and creating chaos and disaster to industries, agriculture and all the people of the United States.

It therefore behooves every patriotic citizen, independent of former political affiliations, to vote this election for the Republican nominees for senator and congressman and the entire Republican Ticket.

William M. Calder, Republican candidate for U. S. Senator, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was educated in the schools of Brooklyn and in Cooper Institute. At the age of twenty-two he elected to become a builder, the same as his father and grandfather before him, and in a period of 25 years he built up one of the largest building concerns in New York, during which time he was actively identified with banking and other business and financial interests.

In 1902 he became Commissioner of Buildings in the City of New York.

In 1904 he was elected to Congress and for 10 years thereafter,

viz., up to 1914, he represented the people of his district diligently and faithfully. In 1912 he was the only

Republican elected to any office in the Southern part of New York State. He ran his office in Washington as he conducted his business and while a representative he served on many important committees, such as:—

Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

and in the last two years of his service he was ranking member on Committee on Fortifications (a sub-committee of the Appropriations Committee).

The same persistence and industry which made Mr. Calder a successful business man characterized his ten years of work as a representative in Congress, and there is no man better qualified to represent the people of New York in the United States Senate at Washington, than

WILLIAM M. CALDER

The election of Hughes and Fairbanks is practically conceded, but it is essential that not one single Republican senator be lost, as the election of 10 Republican senators in place of 10 present Democratic senators is necessary to give a Republican majority of one in the U. S. Senate, without which no constructive legislation nor any new tariff bill can be enacted.

Therefore, unless the workmen of New York wish to face the flood of foreign competition on products similar to theirs,—which must of necessity mean less work for them here, they should vote to a man for,—

WILLIAM M. CALDER

FOR U. S. SENATOR

and for the entire Republican Ticket.

Vote Early and Vote Right

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